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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise, from $1,617.3 million in July to $1,633.3 million in August[1] was primarily due to a substantial increase in exports of crude materials which was largely offset by decreases in exports of semimanufactures, finished manufactures, and crude foodstuffs. The August 1961 domestic merchandise export total was about three percent higher than the August 1960 total of $1,591.4 million. These totals include data on exports of M.S.P. (military) shipments.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded exports of domestic merchandise totaled $1,561.8 million in August, a level about two percent above both the July total of $1,538.7 million and the August 1960 total of $1,528.8 million.

Exports of crude materials rose from $166.2 million in July to $218.8 million in August owing chiefly to a sizable increase in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from $45.4 to $89.4 million, and lesser increases in exports of unmanufactured tobacco, from $21.8 to $27.7 million and coal from $26.3 to $30.2 million. However, exports of inedible animal and fish oils and greases, also included in this economic class, fell from $15.4 to $10.4 million.

During the period, exports of semimanufactures fell from $279.6 to $266.3 million reflecting, in part, decreases in exports of copper semimanufactures, from $19.6 to $13.5 million and aluminum semimanufactures, from $11.0 to $7.7 million. The decline in exports of finished manufactures from $940.9 to $927.8 million was due, in part, to decreases in exports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from $30.6 to $20.3 million; motor trucks and busses, from $33.9 to $24.4 million; passenger cars from $13.4 to $6.3 million; textile, sewing and shoe machinery, from $16.7 to $12.2 million and machine tools and parts, from $25.7 to $22.0 million. Lower levels of exports of wheat, from $87.5 to $78.6 million and fresh or dried vegetables, from $6.1 to $2.6 million accounted for most of the decrease in exports of crude foodstuffs from $139.6 to $129.6 million. However, exports of corn, also included in this economic class, increased from $21.1 to $26.0 million

August exports of manufactured foodstuffs, valued at $90.7 million, were at approximately the same level as the July total of $91.0 million.

[1]See the August 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at $100-$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: AUGUST 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantities in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity		August 1961	July 1961	August 1960	Monthly average	
					1960	1959
Total	value	[1]1,633.3	[2]1,617.3	[3]1,591.4	[4]1,691.6	[5]1,453.2
Crude materials	value	218.8	166.2	163.7	215.5	159.4
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	7.3	7.5	6.3	6.4	5.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb	149,142	204,058	123,068	140,701	120,900
	value	10.4	15.4	8.0	9.3	9.3
Oilseeds	value	20.4	23.1	34.9	30.1	26.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb	36,615	28,087	37,771	41,264	38,801
	value	27.7	21.8	29.6	31.5	28.9
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	669	321	122	651	332
	value	89.4	45.4	15.9	82.3	37.7
Coal	1,000 s.tons	3,222	2,868	4,025	3,160	3,253
	value	30.2	26.3	36.8	29.5	31.5
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl	309	178	86	257	210
	value	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.6
All other crude materials	value	32.6	26.2	32.1	25.8	19.7
Crude foodstuffs	value	129.6	139.6	123.7	136.6	120.7
Corn	1,000 bu	21,464	17,095	19,925	18,353	18,343
	value	26.0	21.1	25.5	23.4	23.9
Wheat	1,000 bu	44,395	50,576	34,513	41,975	29,781
	value	78.6	87.5	58.6	71.0	51.2
Other grains	value	7.6	8.0	19.9	20.2	23.1
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb	47,355	135,516	93,561	131,802	141,027
	value	2.6	6.1	5.3	7.1	7.9
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb	121,619	151,539	127,756	119,890	125,300
	value	9.7	11.7	9.5	8.9	9.0
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs	value	4.4	5.1	4.5	5.8	5.2
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	90.7	91.0	94.5	93.0	89.8
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb	43,070	45,309	36,341	35,733	29,246
	value	12.4	13.1	10.7	10.4	8.8
Lard	1,000 lb	22,110	48,984	51,186	51,667	50,347
	value	2.4	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.0
Dairy products	1,000 lb	46,713	44,879	33,649	34,133	40,725
	value	8.7	8.9	7.3	7.2	7.9
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb	1,653	1,547	2,278	4,058	5,670
	value	0.9	0.8	1.5	1.6	1.9
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb	56	95	43	160	125
	value	3.6	5.5	2.6	10.5	8.3
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt	2,624	2,954	1,724	2,613	2,273
	value	9.4	10.5	6.3	9.6	8.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.4
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb	11,870	9,300	12,334	17,734	11,654
	value	2.5	2.1	2.2	3.5	2.7
Canned fruits	1,000 lb	63,352	27,433	41,833	32,307	29,003
	value	8.1	4.0	5.7	4.7	4.4
Fruit juices	1,000 gal	2,362	2,956	2,754	2,776	2,676
	value	2.9	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.6
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb	42,184	38,669	117,447	48,740	58,289
	value	6.6	5.8	14.8	6.1	8.6
Sugar and related products	value	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.9
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	11.9	10.3	15.0	10.5	8.9
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	16.8	16.2	14.4	15.0	15.7
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	266.3	279.6	337.1	293.5	205.5
Leather	value	3.8	4.0	2.8	2.7	2.2
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb	62,423	49,103	68,417	64,377	54,796
	value	15.4	12.6	17.2	16.7	14.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Economic class and commodity		August 1961	July 1961	August 1960	Monthly average 1960	Monthly average 1959
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued						
Naval Stores, gums and resins	value..	5.1	4.5	5.7	5.7	3.7
Vegetable oils and fats, crude	1,000 lb..	52,856	43,256	121,302	90,662	71,750
	value..	7.4	5.3	12.9	9.2	7.9
Cotton semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	28,655	22,369	24,056	30,949	29,090
	value..	4.3	3.2	3.4	4.5	4.2
Wool semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	11,811	12,650	12,188	12,278	12,244
	value..	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	13,233	15,367	17,353	16,043	12,014
	value..	9.9	12.4	12.9	12.4	9.2
Sawmill products	1,000 bd.ft..	73,103	60,942	63,912	71,673	65,726
	value..	8.2	7.0	8.1	8.7	7.5
Wood pulp	1,000 s.tons..	117	88	99	95	54
	value..	15.9	12.2	13.1	12.8	7.9
Fuel oil, distillate and residual	1,000 bbl..	1,742	1,381	2,637	2,380	2,835
	value..	4.7	3.9	6.9	6.6	7.7
Sulfur	1,000 l.tons..	145	133	209	148	134
	value..	3.3	3.0	4.6	3.4	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished	value..	0.4	1.5	2.0	1.2	0.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes	1,000 lb..	22,669	12,565	13,110	14,140	11,182
	value..	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.2
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1,000 lb..	113,097	114,141	347,347	237,428	83,493
	value..	13.1	12.3	32.2	24.3	9.9
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate	1,000 lb..	69,566	94,864	142,746	114,329	76,642
	value..	5.2	7.4	12.2	9.7	6.1
Other iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	34.8	38.7	30.7	22.6	15.9
Aluminum semimanufactures	value..	7.7	11.0	18.4	14.5	6.4
Copper semimanufactures	value..	13.5	19.6	40.8	25.7	8.4
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products	value..	16.0	18.4	12.8	13.9	8.7
Plastics and resin materials	1,000 lb..	68,576	75,094	59,943	65,624	57,669
	value..	22.0	23.5	22.0	23.5	21.5
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	25.6	23.5	26.8	25.9	21.5
Pigments	1,000 lb..	49,513	53,497	57,948	57,660	55,824
	value..	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.6
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials	1,000 lb..	27,571	33,320	78,071	86,724	112,061
	value..	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.5	3.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	39.1	45.5	40.4	37.9	27.3
Finished manufactures	value..	927.8	940.9	872.5	952.9	877.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new	thousands..	79	83	104	117	92
	value..	2.6	2.7	3.4	3.7	3.8
Other rubber manufactures	value..	8.7	8.2	8.7	9.0	8.1
Cigarettes	millions..	1,644	1,913	1,449	1,686	1,631
	value..	7.2	8.4	6.2	7.3	7.0
Other tobacco manufactures	value..	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq.yd..	[8]43,838	[8]26,592	[8]23,964	[8]36,396	[8]39,351
	value..	[8]10.8	[8]7.5	[8]6.8	[8]10.8	[8]10.7
Other cotton manufactures	value..	7.4	6.9	7.1	8.4	7.9
Wool manufactures	value..	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures	value..	12.4	10.9	12.9	13.6	12.9
Other textile manufactures	value..	6.1	5.7	4.9	5.5	5.4
Wood manufactures, advanced	value..	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.6
Paper and manufactures	value..	24.4	24.0	23.2	21.3	19.5
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)	value..	4.8	3.1	6.4	6.0	8.1
Lubricating oil	value..	21.2	19.3	15.1	17.3	15.2
Glass and products	value..	7.0	5.8	7.3	7.0	7.0
Steel mill manufactures	value..	11.2	10.5	11.7	11.8	11.3
Metal manufactures, n.e.c	value..	33.8	33.8	35.1	35.2	37.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers	number..	19,895	19,933	25,232	25,030	28,871
	value..	2.9	3.2	4.0	4.0	4.5
Radio and television apparatus	value..	32.6	26.8	24.0	23.6	21.0
Other electrical machinery and apparatus	value..	58.7	56.4	50.5	55.7	56.6
Power generating machinery, n.e.c	value..	16.3	17.2	16.6	19.0	20.7
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery	value..	66.1	68.4	59.4	63.0	57.7
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	22.0	25.7	17.2	18.2	12.9
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts	value..	18.5	15.1	10.7	12.5	13.2
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	value..	12.2	16.7	12.0	12.9	9.0
Other industrial machinery and parts	value..	83.3	87.0	77.6	83.2	70.9

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Economic class and commodity	August 1961	July 1961	August 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	20.3	30.6	15.4	17.4	12.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	8.9	10.6	11.4	12.1	12.0
Tractors.....number..	2,080	4,322	2,466	5,586	5,313
value..	14.4	14.2	18.2	19.8	17.7
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.7	13.1	11.5	12.4	11.9
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	15,802	20,008	26,870	16,913	13,761
value..	24.4	33.9	29.7	30.2	27.1
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	2,791	7,423	3,885	9,760	8,869
value..	6.3	13.4	7.4	19.6	18.6
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	39.2	36.7	35.5	46.0	44.4
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	4.7	4.4	3.8	6.7	9.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	90.1	89.9	97.3	110.8	64.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	3	7	9	8	11
value..	0.4	2.2	2.5	2.1	7.5
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	11.3	10.2	8.0	11.5	8.8
Antibiotics.....value..	6.0	6.4	7.2	6.1	5.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	16.1	18.6	17.7	16.8	17.9
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.1	1.9
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	4.3	5.6	2.9	2.7	2.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	17.4	9.7	17.9	16.4	16.7
Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	33.4	30.2	24.7	29.8	46.7
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	141.1	141.1	134.2	137.4	127.9

[1]Includes $71.5 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($28.2 million to Western Europe). [2]Includes $78.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($23.5 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $62.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($27.6 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $79.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($33.3 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($54.9 million to Western Europe). [6]See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for a list of Special Category commodities. [7]Data for periods prior to January 1961 exclude information on exports of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590 and deuterium oxide (heavy water) included under Schedule B commodity number 83990). [8]Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and data for Schedule B commodity number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound.